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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS : James McCROSSIN et al.  
SERIAL NO. : 09/443,038  
FILED : November 18, 1999  
FOR : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING LOCAL INFORMATION OVER A NETWORK

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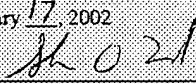
**RESPONSE TO  
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the communication dated October 23, 2001, requiring restriction of the invention to one of the following: Species 1, Species 2, Species 3, Species 4, Species 5 and Species 6.

Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time in which to respond to the office action dated October 23, 2001, for which a one-month response period expiring on November 23, 2001, was set. The extended period expires on January 23, 2002.

With respect to the Examiner's position that claim 16 is generic to the method claims 1 through 16, Applicants respectfully disagree. Claim 1 is generic to claims 1 through 16. Claim 16 includes all of the limitations of claim 1, but includes an additional element (i.e., "accessing said user web site by a second user"). Accordingly, Applicants request that claim 1 be considered as generic to claims 1 through 16.

In view of this characterization, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the claims of Species 1 (claims 10, 14, 15, 19, 23 and 24). Any necessary extension fees may be charged to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A copy of this request is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted

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